

2016 UMPA Summer Conference

August 4-5, 2016

Best Western Ruby's Inn

26 South Main Street

Bryce Canyon City, Utah

Agenda

Thursday, August 4th

7:45

Registration Desk Open

8:15

Welcome and Administration

8:30

Cannabis: In Search of the Truth

~ Jennifer Knudsen – Colorado Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

We will explore must-know principles behind the science, resources, and tips on how to successfully prosecute impaired drivers using cannabis.

10:00

Break

10:10

Detection of THC Impairment in Driving

~ Trooper Jason Marshall – State Drug Recognition Expert
Coordinator, Utah Highway Patrol

Trooper Marshall will discuss how to detect THC impairment and how THC impacts driving and standardized field sobriety tests.

Forensic Toxicology of THC

~ Matthew H. Slawson, Ph.D. – Chief Forensic Toxicologist,
Utah Public Health Laboratory

Matt will discuss THC toxicology with the body and for what exactly the state toxicology lab tests. Matt will help prosecutors gain a better understanding of how the toxicology lab works and how they can assist in a prosecution for impaired driving.

11:40

UMPA Lunch Meeting (Lunch Provided)

- 1:10 MISLAC Roundtable Discussion
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- 1:40 Break
- 1:50 The Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Tool Kit
~ Donna Kelly – Sexual Assault / Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor, UPC
The Utah Prosecution Council has developed a new resource for Utah Prosecutors: a DV Tool Kit. This practical session will explain each tool and how it can be used. The DV 101 Manual– Sixth Edition, a thumb drive and foam core board universal exhibit will be given to each prosecution office. These tools can be helpful in making your DV trials run more smoothly and your presentations more powerful.
- State vs. Herrera Case Study
Taking a DV case to trial without the victim as a witness can be challenging. This presentation focuses on a case that went to trial in West Jordan in February 2016. Tips for strategy, preparation and presentation will be shared, as well as the closing argument in the case.
- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 Lethality Assessment Protocols Save Lives
~ Donna Kelly – Sexual Assault / Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor, UPC
~ Chief Greg Butler, Woods Cross Police Department
~ Lieutenant Adam Ososro, Woods Cross Police Department
This presentation will focus on the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), which is being used by law enforcement agencies in several Utah venues. Learn about how the LAP is helpful to prosecutors. A powerful case study in which Woods Cross Police Department saved the lives of a woman and her three small children will be presented.
- 4:00 Adjourn

Friday, August 5th

8:00 Registration Desk Open

- 8:30 Odds & Ends
~ Amy Jones – West Valley City Assistant Prosecutor
As prosecutors we see similar cases and experience similar problems. During this open discussion we'll discuss issues we've been seeing and how we've been addressing them. This is the perfect time to ask questions and brain storm new ideas with a group of

experienced colleagues. Topics will include jury nullification, how prosecutors can make misdemeanors compelling to both judges and juries, how social media is used in our cases, dealing with surprises during trial, talking with victims and lessening their fears, and using preliminary testimony in trial. This is not an exhaustive list. Any one with a query they'd like to present is welcome and encouraged.

How to Recognize Signs of Human Trafficking
~ Daniel Strong - Assistant Utah Attorney General,
Secure Strike Force

Misdemeanor prostitution and sex solicitation cases often hide signs of human trafficking under the surface. The Utah Attorney General's Office will present a brief summary of what to look for in your cases and how we can help you.

9:30 Break

9:40 Jury Voir Dire
~ D. Jacob Summers - Assistant Orem City Prosecutor
Setting the stage for an effective conversation with prospective jurors. Preparing pre-trial motions to allow attorney conducted voir dire and questionnaires. Use of effective questions to increase the disclosure of relevant information from prospective jurors, including ascertaining grounds for the "for cause" strikes and possible "rehabilitation" of prospective jurors. Using conversational voir dire to identify any elephant in the room.

10:40 Break

10:50 Why Can't I Say That? (An Ethics Presentation)
~ Dawn Emery - Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney
This presentation will focus on the ever increasing body of case law that restricts what a prosecutor can't and can say in opening and closing arguments. Case law will be presented showing the reason for these restrictions.

11:50 Adjourn